

Lone Star Rail



City Council Budget Goal Setting Session
June 8, 2016

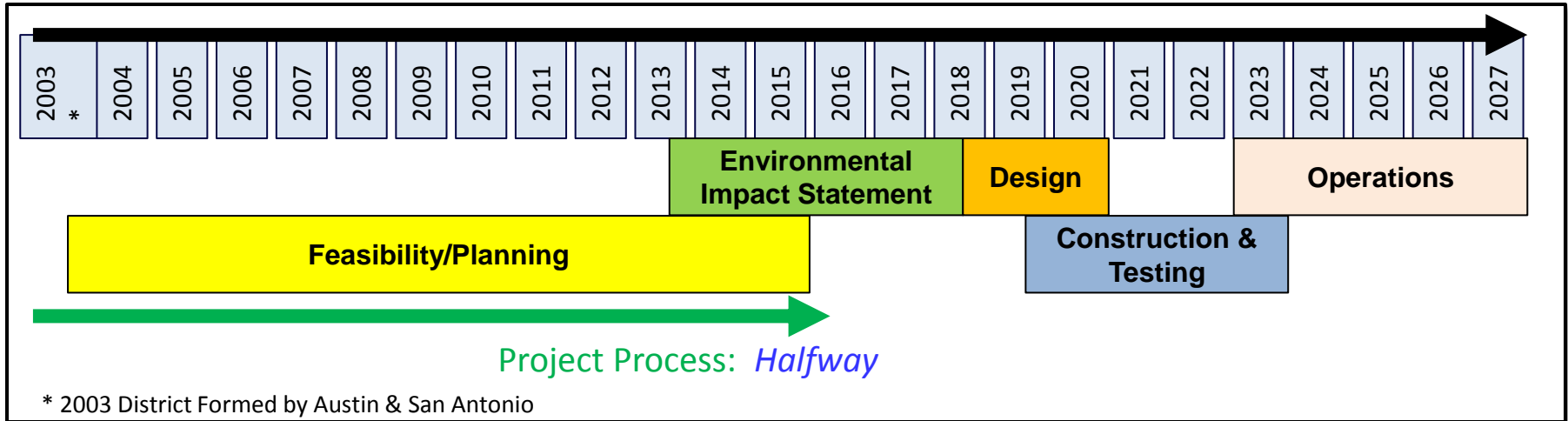
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- **Would provide passenger rail services between San Antonio and Austin areas**
- **Viewed as two commuter rail systems with San Marcos being center point**



Environmental Impact Study

- **LSRD initiated the following activities in the EIS process:**
 - Economic Impact studies
 - Station Planning
 - Environmental Review of UPRR Corridor



2016 Budget Process

- This time last year, LSRD requested a 36 year funding commitment
- **Property Tax: Established Transportation Infrastructure Zones and General Fund**
 - Year 1 \$500,000
 - Year 5 \$3.6 million
 - Year 15 \$9.3 million
 - Year 36 \$15.6 million



2016 Budget Process

- **LSRD also requested funding from Bexar County, VIA and Alamo Colleges**
- **City Council Approved \$500,000 for planning resources contingent on Bexar County and VIA contributing \$500,000 each**
- **Bexar County withheld their funding resulting in City and VIA to hold theirs**
- **LSRD received \$50,000 annual membership dues**
- **\$450,000 retained by City**



Current Status

- In February 2016, UP canceled agreement with LSRD
- On Friday, May 27, LSRD requested a one time contribution of \$500,000 from City for FY 2017
- LSRD is seeking \$1.5 million for a local match of \$6 million from the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
- AAMPO discussed issue during its Tuesday, June 6, 2016 meeting



Budget Impact

- **FY 2017 Budget is projected to have \$50,000 for annual membership dues**
- **An additional \$50,000 beyond membership dues would be required to be added to \$450,000 in carry forward funds**



Recommendations

- **City staff recommends using \$450,000 in carry forward funds and adding another \$50,000 for a total of \$500,000 to provide as the City's portion of the \$1.5 million local match to secure up to \$6 million in AAMPO funding**
 - **Contingent on Bexar County and VIA contributing equal or greater amounts in FY 2017**

